

PROJECT NAME: Ogden River Restoration

RECIPIENT: Ogden City

LOCATION: Ogden, Utah

PURPOSE: The planned restoration of the Ogden River runs 4.5 miles through the heart of Ogden, Utah. Extensive industrial activities have degraded the river, including cement plant dumping and automobile wrecking yards. The channel has been realigned, banks are artificially stabilized with waste debris, riparian areas are denuded, and the channel has been disconnected from the riparian ecosystem. Restoration of the river will greatly improve aquatic and riparian habitat. Furthermore, the proximity of the river to the City center will provide recreational and educational opportunities community. These opportunities are expected to promote a stewardship ethic that will further protect the river. In addition, the project will help isolate developed areas from flooding. The City of Ogden has identified this project to be of high priority and the community enthusiastically supports revitalization of their waterfront. This project will improve environmental quality and is in the public interest.

The City of Ogden will be the lead non-federal sponsor and point of contact for this restoration project. The City of Ogden fully supports the project and has the financial capability to execute the project. Stakeholders are actively interested in improving the geomorphic function, riverine habitat, and recreation opportunities of the Ogden River. Majority landowners have endorsed restoration of this area, are in agreement with this request, and open to providing lands for the project. The non-federal sponsor's responsibility will be to provide 50 percent of the feasibility study costs and 35 percent of the total restoration costs. The non-federal sponsor understands the responsibility to operate and maintain the project after implementation. The City of Ogden will consider meeting future requirements and obligations once a feasible project is identified.

This project will improve environmental quality and is in the public interest. The Army Corps of Engineers has indicated their support of this project and their belief that it is meritorious. Funds would be used by the Corps to conduct the study.

AMOUNT: \$505,000